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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0156

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CU, GY

SUBJECT: CUBAN AIRCRAFT REFUELING IN GUYANA

REF: GEORGETOWN 0155

1. ABOUT 1600 HOURS SUNDAY, JAN. 25, EMBOFF PERSONALLY OBSERVED CUBANA FOUR-ENGINE BRISTOL BRITANIA PARKED ON FAR SIDE OF RUNWAY TIMEHRI AIRPORT. NO NUMBER WAS VISIBLE. BESIDE PLANE WAS TANK TRUCK NOT RPT NOT BELONGING TO TEXACO. TRUCK WAS PAINTED MILITARY OLIVE DRAB. JEEP USED BY CUBAN FISHING ADVISORS WAS ALSO PARKED NEXT TO AIRCRAFT. PLANE PRESUMABLY IDENTICAL TO THAT DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. 2. UPON LEAVING AIRPORT, EMBOFF SPOTTED CUBAN SHIP 10 DE OCTUBRE (REFTEL) DOCKED AT TIMEHRI TERMINAL WHICH IS ABOUT A MILE FROM AIRPORT. OBVIOUSLY HAVING COMPLETED ITS BUSINESS AT LINDEN, SHIP HAD JUST UNLOADED A TRACTOR-TRAILER TANK TRUCK WHICH EMBOFF IDENTIFIED AS SOVIET MILITARY TYPE. SEVERAL CUBANS WERE ENGAGED IN UNLOADING OPERATION. CUBAN SHIP STILL THERE 2215 HOURS WITH MANY GDF PERSONNEL ALSO PRESENT.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE OBSERVATIONS CONFIRM REPORT REFTEL OF AIR-  
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CRAFT AND SHIP ARRIVAL AND TEXACO REFUSAL TO REFUEL AIRCRAFT ON

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY. CUBAN VESSEL AT TIMEHRI AND TANK TRUCK UNLOADING PROBABLY MEAN GOG HAS GIVEN GO AHEAD FOR STEADY REFUELING OPERATION, OTHERWISE, IF THIS WERE ONLY ONE-TIME PROPOSITION, SHELL GUYANA COULD HAVE USED ONE OR TWO OF ITS TRUCKS TO CARRY FUEL FROM TIMEHRI DOCK TO AIRPORT. WE SPECULATE CUBAN SHIP MAY HAVE ALSO TRANSPORTED JET FUEL, IN WHICH CASE PM BURNHAM PRESUMABLY GAVE GO-AHEAD FOR THIS OPERATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 17 RECOGNITION OF MPLA. END COMMENT.

4. STILL NOT RPT NO MENTION IN LOCAL PRESS OF CUBAN AIRCRAFT OR SHIP.  
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